

**PUBLIC DEBT—WHERE SHALL WE GO?—THE
SENATE—MEMORY OF BURNS—SECRET SOCIETIES—REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.**
Special Correspondent.

to Scotland to poor relatives of the poet. And Earl's brother presided at the Quebec banquet; a Scotch baronet took the chair here. No poet, not even Berenger or Whittier, is more thoroughly republican than Burns, yet we had the Chief Justice (Robinson) and Judge Draper at the banquet proposing toasts. Better thus than as it was 20 years since, sentencing to the scaffold honest men who had too much of Burns's dauntless spirit in their composition. It was Burns's republican principles, which alarmed the Scottish nobility and gentry in the days of the French Revolution, so that they kept him in poverty to the hour of his death; and the recent celebrations, so general and so enthusiastic, afford sure evidence of the stronghold which these principles have in Upper Canada. The best addresses I have yet seen are those of Messrs. Bryant, Beecher and Emerson. Our abliest speakers on the 25th were Irishmen. Burns's noblest songs were inspired by his passion of love, and his noblest by his passion of liberty. The latter, from any, in Canada, not a few had never assembled together before to act in union, and probably never will again.

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splendor, and wholly eschewing metaphysics, transcendentalisms, and rhodomontade. He was a thoroughly-informed member, spoke often and cogently, and gave close attention to the current business of the House.

CLOSING OF THE PORTS.

FROM YUCATAN.
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WAR OF EXTERMINATION AGAINST THE
INDIANS.

to Jan. 28 reach us from Merida. The am-

The insurgents had invaded the district of Tizimin, but the vigilance and decision of the residents had prevented any destruction of life. Other rumors of Indian outrages which circulated at Merida were regarded as exaggerations.

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THE EMBARRASMENTS AND INCONSISTENCIES OF THE DEMOCRACY.

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The State of Oregon is admitted. She presented

a Constitution disfigured by the barbarities that naturally flow from the Dred Scott decision, and the main body of the Republicans could not swallow it. Enough of them were found, however, to turn the scale in her favor, and the State is admitted by Republican votes.

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—The State of New-York, which is entitled to

members on the floor
in reality has been

represented, he readily use but thirty-one, says the Washington correspondent of *The News*. Two of her Representatives, viz: Messrs. O. B. Matthews and E. S. Sikes, are very seldom in their seats. Their names will not be found recorded on one division list in ten during the present session. Both these gentlemen, he says, appear to act under a social cloud among their fellow members—the one from the result of the vote of censure of the House, and the other from the untoward consequences of his dwelling pretensions.

—The Michigan Legislature passed a Registry law as the last act of the session.

PERSONAL.

gray hairs from the just retribution of his late calumnies in the villa long occupied by his family on the hillside of Fiesole, in Italy. Aforetime, he was driven

from this nest for contempt of court, having, on entering before the seat of justice, shaking a bag of Tuscan dollars, exclaimed in very intelligible Italian, "These

"I will secure my case, as I understand that opinion
"are bought here." The whole bench immediately
withdrew, and the next day he received his walking
papers, and has not since been seen in Florence till
now. It was from a window of his villa here that he
throw out an offending servant—crushing in the act of
violence his favorite plant, which consequence (not th